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## <u>REMARKS</u>

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 28, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated January 26, 2005. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's previous allowance of claim 11. The Examiner objected to previously presented Claims 3-5 as being dependant upon a rejected base claim but indicated that Claims 3-5 contained allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 14 are amended to include allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added as a result of the present amendment.

## **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 2, 4-14 and 16-20 presently pending in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguish over the art of record. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned in furtherance of the prosecution of the present application.

Please charge any deficiency as well as any other fees which may become due at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fees to deposit account No. 50-0369. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding are required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time as required and charge deposit account No. 50-0369.

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